

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
Independent School District #300
August 20, 2014

Chair Jandt called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District #300 to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle & High School Media Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Roll call was taken by Member Wright in Clerk Nissan's absence.

Board Present: Morken, Wright, Jandt, Tornow, Dockendorff, Summerfield, and Superintendent Wilke

Board Absent: Nissan

Administration Present: Jay Woller, Elementary Principal, Steve Smith, Middle School Principal, Rick Wolter, High School Principal, Beth Theede, Community Education Director, and Julie Holman, Business Manager

MOTION: Summerfield moved, Dockendorff seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Dockendorff moved, Summerfield seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. School Board Minutes
 - July 16, 2014, Regular Meeting
 - August 6, 2014, Work Session
- B. August 2014, Bills Due for Payment
- C. Staff Resignation
 - Angela Wallace - Paraprofessional – Effective 7/25/14.
 - Andrew Sires - Boys JV Basketball Coach – Effective immediately.
 - Theodore Terbeest - Custodian – Effective 8/8/14.
- D. Position Authorization
 - HS Paraprofessional (2) - 7 hrs/day – Student Contract Days -Addition of 1.5 FTE in DCD Program
 - MS Paraprofessional #1 - 7 hrs/day – Student Contact Days – Transitioning WIN student
 - MS Paraprofessional #2 - 7 hrs/day – Student Contact Days – Transitioning Elementary student.
 - ES Paraprofessional #1 - 7 hrs/day – Student Contact Days - 1:1 Student Need
 - ES Paraprofessional #2 - 7 hrs/day – Student Contact Days – 1:1 Student Need
 - ES Paraprofessional #3 - 7 hrs/day – Student Contact Days – 1:1 Student Need
 - ES Paraprofessional #4 - .5 FTE – Student Contact Days – 1:1 Student Need - AMs only
- E. Staff Employment
 - Laura Vatland - Long Term Substitute – Language Arts- 9/2/14-10/15/14
 - Jason Ludwigson - Technology Integrationist - Replacement
- F. Electronic Transfers
Bills & Payrolls

July 8	Health insurance		\$137,503
July 15	Payroll (gross) \$309,990	(net)	\$186,156
July 31	Payroll (gross) \$330,436	(net)	\$185,647
July	Bills		\$306,410
July 15	Fed/FICA/Med Withholding Tax		\$ 66,204
July 31	Fed/FICA/Med Withholding Tax		\$ 66,093
July 15	MN Withholding		\$ 10,804
July 31	MN Withholding		<u>\$ 10,693</u>
Total			\$ 969,510

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Wilke introduced Resolution 14:06, Calling the School District General Election, to fill three expiring terms of school board members. The election will be held Tuesday, November 4th. He expressed appreciation for the three candidates who committed to the ballot.

MOTION: Morken moved, Wright seconded, to adopt Resolution 14:06, Calling the School District General Election, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager Julie Holman presented and discussed the presentation of Resolution 14:07 authorizing a new Board approved referendum authority of approximately \$116.43. This referendum authority, as adjusted, will be applicable for five years beginning with taxes payable 2015 through 2019.

MOTION: Morken moved, Wright seconded, to adopt Resolution 14:07, authorizing a new Board approved referendum authority as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Wilke advised that the District was in receipt of a request from the City of LaCrescent to extend the lease agreement with them for the portion of Abnet Field occupied by the Community Ice Arena. Approval of the extension would allow the City to lease the property for an additional 10 years beyond the current contract or 2044. He noted that in consideration of the Youth Hockey Association's commitment to help retire the debt on the building, he understood their need for assurance of their continued access to it. Another consideration for the Board was the fact that the original contract was developed in 1994 and many changes in usage have since occurred. Going forward there are other potential future needs/uses to also be considered. It was suggested the extension be approved to allow the Hockey Association to move forward, but to continue discussion on revisions to the original contract.

MOTION: Dockendorff moved, Summerfield seconded, to approve the lease extension agreement with the City of LaCrescent for the portion of Abnet Field occupied by the Ice Arena with the expectation to review and revise the specifics of the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Wilke referenced the proposed 2014/15 Q-Comp Goals and Action Plans for middle and high school levels. High School Principal Rick Wolter and Middle School Principal Steve Smith stated their individual goals as follows and discussed the testing parameters.

- High School - The La Crescent High School 10th Graders will show a 2% increase each year for two years (4% overall growth) on the MCA III test this year.
- Middle School - The percentage of all current students in grades 5-8 at La Crescent Middle School who meet or exceed their fall to fall individual RIT

Growth Projection on the NWEA MAP test in reading will increase from 66.6% in fall 2012 to fall 2013 to 70.0 % in fall 2014 to fall 2015.

MOTION: Morken moved, Summerfield seconded, to approve the first reading of the 2014/15 Middle and High School Q-Comp Goals as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Elementary School and Bluff Country Learning Options goals will be provided to Board members prior to the September meeting for their consideration of second reading approval at that meeting.

Superintendent Wilke and Board Negotiations Committee Member Tornow provided specifics to the proposed 2013-2015 contracts of the Operations Coordinator and School Age Child Care and Enrichment Coordinator and the 2014-2017 Superintendent contracts, respectively. The specifics of the individual contracts are as follows:

- Operations Manager – 2% salary increase
- School Age Child Care/Enrichment Coordinator – 2% salary; stipend for cell phone use
- Superintendent – 1% salary increase to first year; 2% for second year; 3rd year to be negotiated prior to July 1st, 2016

MOTION: Morken moved, Cindy seconded, to approve the District contracts of the 2014-2016 Operations Coordinator and School Age Child Care and Enrichment Coordinator and the 2014-2017 Superintendent contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Wilke advised that the District was in receipt of a settlement agreement for its civil suit filed against Mary Chris Turner, noting the damages received from the suit were above and beyond the restitution received from the criminal proceedings. Discussion followed on the amount of the settlement, the judicial system itself, and the repayment process.

MOTION: Dockendorff moved, Summerfield seconded, to accept the Chris Turner Civil Suit settlement agreement as received.

Voting Yes: Morken, Jandt, Dockendorff, and Summerfield

Voting No: Tornow and Wright

Motion carried.

Superintendent Wilke advised that the Three Rivers Conference Annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th, creating a conflict with the regularly scheduled School Board meeting. The Board was asked to consider moving their regular meeting to Wednesday, September 24th, to accommodate administrative attendance at the annual Conference meeting.

MOTION: Tornow moved, Summerfield seconded, to reschedule the Wednesday, September 17th regular board meeting to Wednesday, September 24th. Motion carried unanimously.

Addressing an update on the Facilities project, Superintendent Wilke stated that the task at the forefront of things to be done is completing and submitting the Review and Comment to the State Department. While much of the work on it is done, the question for the ballot needs to be determined and a decision on the length of the bond. During discussion on the option of a 20, 25, or 30 year commitment, it was noted that the dollar amount can be reduced following approval of the Review and Comment, but cannot be increased. It was suggested the District go with a 25 year plan in order to move forward. More discussion will occur at the September 3rd Work Session of the Board, with final action occurring at the

September 24th meeting. Sessions will be scheduled to bring stakeholders up-to-date on the plans and to engage discussion and input.

Student enrollment numbers, by levels as of the Board meeting, were provided by the individual principals as follows:

High School - 426 students

Middle School - 346 students

Elementary - 408 students

Administrative, Board, and Education Minnesota reports followed.

Based on M.S. 13D.05, Subd. 3c (3), Chair Jandt called for a motion to close the meeting to discuss the Requests for Proposal on the Elementary School site.

MOTION: Summerfield moved, Dockendorff seconded, to close the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

The closed session opened at 8:20 p.m. with Morken, Wright, Jandt, Tornow, Dockendorff, Summerfield and Superintendent Wilke in attendance.

MOTION: Summerfield moved, Morken seconded, to re-open and adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Ruth Nissen, Clerk